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The Honorable Kay Granger
Chair
House Committee on Appropriations
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for recruitment and retention assistance for the Lorain Police Department in the City of Lorain in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the **Lorain Police Department, located at 200 W. Erie Avenue, Lorain, OH 44052.**

The funding would be used to secure a DOJ Byrne Grant to create the SAFER (Staffing Assistance for Effective Retention) Lorain Program, which will provide recruitment and retention resources to keep the Lorain Police Department staffed at 105 sworn officers of its 112 authorized strength, support hiring incentives for six additional officers, and enable Lorain to adopt DOJ best practice approaches for recruitment and retention. This request is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the Lorain Police Force is currently strained by an increase in violent crime due to criminal gang activity that has led to a statistically significant increase in shootings within the city in recent years. These funds will help the force address this problem in order to improve and maintain the safety of the community and its citizens.

The project has a Federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 501 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Street Act, 34 U.S.C. 10152.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by the House Appropriations Committee's policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Latta
Member of Congress